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SUBJECT: CORONATION OF KING OF NEPAL

WE WISH TO BRING TO ATTENTION OF WASHINGTON POSSIBILITY OF PROBLEM CONNECTED WITH PARKING OF GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT AT KATHMANDU'S TRIBHUVAN AIRPORT AT TIME OF CORONATION. GON HAD HOPED TO HAVE NEW PARKING AREA COMPLETED BY CORONATION BUT INTERRUPTIONS IN SUPPLY OF CEMENT MAKE IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT PARKING AREA WILL BE COMPLETED IN TIME. THIS MEANS PARKING SPACE WILL BE LIMITED. IN THIS CONNECTION GON HAS BEEN CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF ASKING SOME GOVERNMENTS UTILIZING PRIVATE AIRCRAFT TO DROP OFF DELEGATIONS IN KATHMANDU AND PARK AIRCRAFT IN NEARBY SITES SUCH AS NEW DELHI AND CALCUTTA, OR TO REQUEST THAT DELEGATIONS ARRIVE IN AIRCRAFT NO LARGER THAN FOKKER FRIENDSHIPS. IN ORDER FACILITATE PLANNING AND RESERVE SPACE IF NECESSARY FOR US AIRCRAFT, WE WOULD LIKE TO NOTIFY GON ASAP IF US DELEGATION FOR CORONATION WILL ARRIVE IN OFFICIAL AIRCRAFT. GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS ALREADY NOTIFIED GON OF ITS INTENTION BRING DC-8 AND HAS ADVANCE TEAM IN KATHMANDU INSPECTING AIRPORT.

2. ICAO ADVISOR HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT STRENGTH OF PRESENT PARKING AREA IS INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT HEAVY AIRCRAFT. CARAVELLE, WHICH WAS RECENTLY PARKED AT TRIBHUVAN AIRPORT FOR SEVERAL DAYS, REPORTEDLY SANK
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SEVERAL INCHES. ICAO ADVISOR THEREFORE RECOMMENDS

THAT ANY HEAVY AIRCRAFT, SUCH AS BOEING 707. CARRY PLANKS
WHICH CAN BE USED DISTRIBUTE LOAD OVER SIDE AREA.

3. CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES REPORT THAT ALL WORK ON
RUNWAY ADDITION WILL BE COMPLETED BY TIME OF CORONATION SO
THAT FULL 10,000 FEET CAN BE UTILIZED.
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